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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO AFRICA;  
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- [11.](#) Under headline "Liars like Bush annihilate themselves" the ruling ZANU-PF weekly mouthpiece "The People's Voice" dedicated its July 13 editorial to criticizing the United States policy towards Zimbabwe. Excerpts:
- [12.](#) ". . . Since when (has) Britain and the U. S. started caring for the human rights of Zimbabweans. . . The [1](#)U. S. and Britain waged a war for regime change in Iraq in order to have monopoly over that country's oil. Now they are shifting their attention to Zimbabwe, which they would like to rule through pseudo democracy. . . The reason being touted to the world in Zimbabwe is that there are human rights violations when infact these two western leaders (President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair) are against black ownership of land. . . The calls for regime change in Zimbabwe are aimed at achieving the reversal of the land reform program so that Western individuals and institutions have direct and indirect control of the resource. . . Bush and Blair should be reminded that whatever they do, Zimbabwe will always and forever be for Zimbabweans. . . ."

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